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KAPPA ALPHA ORDER

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY of
SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

**Excellence and
Honor
in
All Things**



**The Home
Of The
True
Southern
Gentleman**



Dear Parents,

As parents, you may have a variety of questions about the fraternity experience. We hope to provide you with useful information about Kappa Alpha Order, one of the oldest and largest fraternities.

Kappa Alpha's philosophy of gentlemanly conduct and its unending quest for excellence are directly attributed to the example set by Robert E. Lee, our spiritual founder. As president of the college where KA was founded, Lee personified the traits of gentility and chivalry. KA strives to translate these timeless values into the mainstream of colleges and universities across the nation.

Kappa Alpha at the Missouri University of Science & Technology has existed since 1903 making us the second oldest fraternity in Rolla. It has proven itself as a support network for young men as they make the transition from high school or a community college into a prestigious engineering school such as MST.

The Order seeks out the positive character of its members and provides many opportunities for enrichment and development.

KA can better your son's college experience by providing scholastic support, hands-on experience in leadership, interaction with faculty and administrators, exposure to potential careers through educational programs and alumni, an opportunity for individual development through community service projects and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Belonging to a fraternal organization is like nothing your son will ever experience. Living together and learning about each other in a healthy environment is what Kappa Alpha Order is all about.

Sincerely,

Kyle Rose

Rush Chairman



A MOTTO TO LIVE BY

The Beta Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order is dedicated to the ideals of chivalry and the honor of women, as were the Knights of old and the Gentlemen of the antebellum South. Although some of our precepts are derived from southern tradition and custom, Kappa Alpha is not sectional. We are a national fraternity.

The men of Kappa Alpha Order are known as the gentlemen of the fraternity world. This title was not self-chosen and it was not given to us, it has however been earned, year after year, by men who have chosen to let Kappa Alpha be an adjunct to their faith, morals, opinions and beliefs.

The founders of the Order sought to preserve the ideals of the courtly gentlemen of their time. Stress is laid upon the fact the Kappa Alpha is an order rooted in the tenet of high personal achievement. An *order* is a society of persons united by the possession of traits of mutual distinction, the recognition of something previously acquired. That is why we proudly carry the name of the Kappa Alpha *Order*.

Charles Kingsley correctly stated, "Some say that the age of chivalry is past, that the spirit of romance is dead. The age of chivalry is never past, so long as there is a wrong left unredressed on earth, or a man or woman left to say, I will redress that wrong, or spend my life in the attempt." The ideals of chivalry dominated one of the most remarkable periods in the history of almost all European nations, and continue to influence our opinions, habits and manners. Chivalry, as it has been characterized, consists of a passion for competition, the spirit of enterprise, the honor of knighthood, the rewards of valor, a firm desire for justice, a passion for adventure, an eagerness to run to the aid of the distressed and affability. In short, chivalry is the code of behavior expected of a knight who is devoted to a set of ideals.

The Kappa Alpha Order is a different breed of men because of this focus on chivalry and honor. We all tend to agree with Samuel Zenas Ammen who once commented that, "Be this as it may, we all share in the belief that Kappa Alphas are not as other men are."

Academics

Although we are very proud of our living facilities, we remind you that a fraternity does not build their name and reputation on the brick and stone of their house. The character of our fraternity depends upon the character of its members.

The fundamental reason for you to enter MST is to obtain a degree, and MST exists primarily for that purpose. Scholarship is the only means

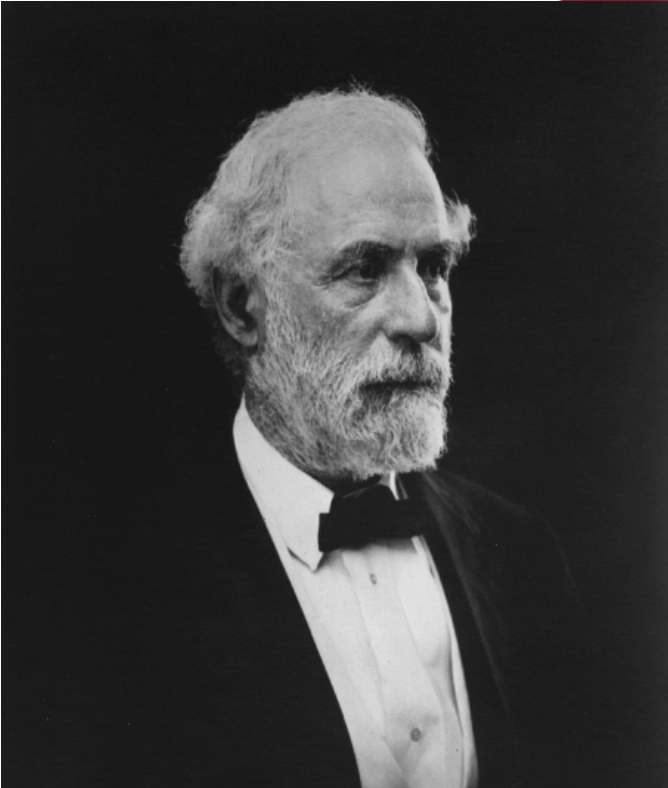
for you to reach that goal, and at Kappa Alpha, we stress scholarship more than anything. The spirit of our scholarship program recognizes high scholastic achievement as the key to our overall chapter excellence. It is the basic goal of our fraternity to maintain an environment fully conducive to the highest possible intellectual development on the part of each member.

Welcome to the Kappa Alpha Mansion



The Beta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order was founded on April 27, 1903, making it the second oldest fraternity on campus. Today our house, located at #1 Fraternity Drive, displays the elegant reminiscent of the "Old South." The house contains some of the finest facilities on campus with room for 54 men. These facilities include an elegant formal living room, a spacious veranda area, a state of the art kitchen, a paved parking lot, and central heating and air conditioning. The most popular room in the house is the den. This social room is known for its big-screen television, DVD player, and a superb house stereo system.

Brothers at Kappa Alpha also have numerous amenities in their individual rooms. Each room contains cable television, high speed Ethernet access and access to the university computer network. When Brothers are not studying, they utilize the house's many recreational outlets which include foosball, ping pong, and billiards tables. Outdoors, the house boasts a lighted tennis and basketball court which is also perfect for roller hockey.



Gentlemen Against Hazing

This is true, Gentlemen never haze. The media has permanently scared the minds of the public on the subject of "Fraternity Life". Kappa Alpha Order takes a strong stance against hazing. Anyone can put signs up against hazing, however it takes a true gentleman to perform his duties to his Order. This is everything Kappa Alpha Order strives to represent in the fraternity world.

According to Kappa Alpha laws:

"Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. We assert that a chapter whose practices are not providing a healthy environment for their members has no place in Kappa Alpha Order."

KA Nationals is helping lead the way to eliminate hazing from all fraternities nation wide by joining in the creation of the new "Anti-Hazing Hotline" which incorporates over 20 international fraternities in the effort to clear the names of the fraternity world. The number is toll free at 1-(888)-NOT-HAZE.



KA Service

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Order at UMR are dedicated to serving our schools, our community, and our nation. They offer their time and resources across the Midwest to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Brothers volunteer **several** times each year for local churches

We currently have three volunteer firefighters

Participants of "Adopt-a-highway" program

Members frequently tutor high school and elementary students

Brothers volunteer an average of over 100 hours per man each year

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order is also an important contributor to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), our national philanthropy. Our chapter raises approximately \$6,000 every year that is donated to MDA. During the year, we have several fundraising projects including the MDA car show, a rib sale and a

golf scramble among others. These philanthropic events are excellent opportunities for brothers to have a terrific time while aiding the less fortunate.



KA On Campus

Kappa Alpha is strongly influencing MST's organizations. In order to list every organization that KA Brothers are involved in, every page of this booklet would be needed.. Below is a list of only a few of the organizations that we currently have Brothers in officer positions and which positions are held:

AIChE; President and Vice President, Chemical Car Team; Author and President, Omicron Delta Kappa; President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, and Secretary, Stuco; Recorder and The chair, Campus Crusade for Christ; Leadership team, Miners in Space; Weld Team Chief Engineer, AAVG; Chief Engineer and Team Leader, Omega Chi Epsilon; President and Secretary

If you have any questions regarding Kappa Alpha Brothers participating in any organizations at MST, please contact Kyle Rose or Gabe Isom at Kappa Alpha. (Contact information on back cover of booklet)



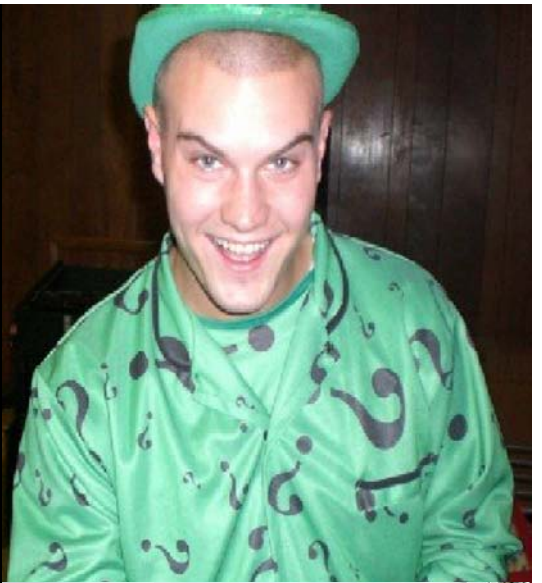


ARE YOU READY FOR THE 100th ANNUAL BEST EVER ST. PATS

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WHY ST. Patrick's Day?

- A) St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Engineers
- B) Study Break
- C) Who doesn't celebrate St. Pats?
- D) All of the above



GREEK WEEK



Brothers for Life



The bond of brotherhood established with the walls of Kappa Alpha Order is a bond that will last a lifetime. We share our lives for this brief time and build friendships that last forever. Because of this bond, Brothers are always willing to sacrifice for one another and the advancement of the Order. Once a man becomes a member of Kappa Alpha Order, he is always a part of that brotherhood. When alumni return, no matter how long they have been away, they are immediately recognized as part of our brotherhood. Quoting Thomas Carlyle, the Kappa Alpha Order believes that "the mystic bond of brotherhood makes all men one."



The Beta Alpha Chapter strives for excellence in all that we do. This commitment distinguishes us from other chapters on the MST campus. However, not only have we stood out at MST by winning awards and consistently receiving a GPA above the all-Greek average, we have stood out nationally as well; this past year we received the prestigious George C. Marshall award for the fourth year in a row. This award is given annually to the top three KA chapters out of 135 nationwide and honors the chapters for operational excellence and superior achievement. We have also been nationally recognized for being among the top 15% of KA chapters in the nation for operational excellence 28 of the last 29 years.

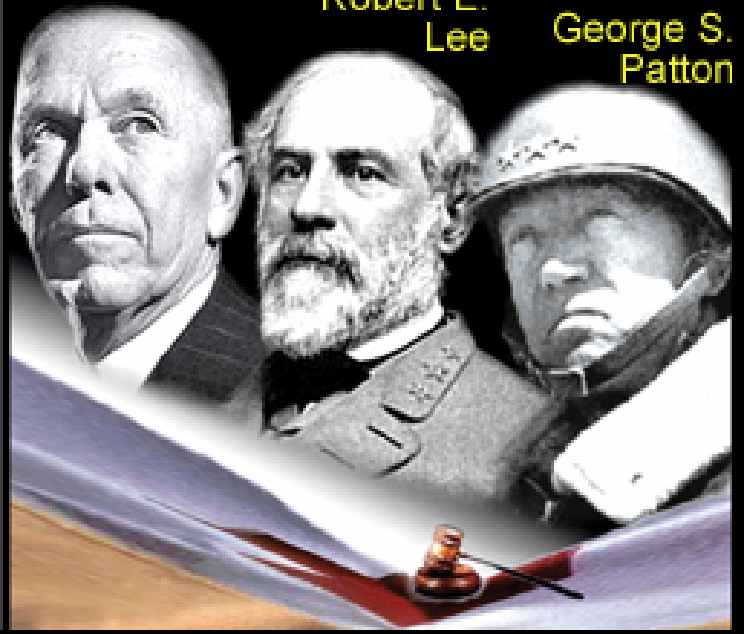


A FEW GOOD MEN

George C.
Marshall

Robert E.
Lee

George S.
Patton



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FAQ

I've heard that fraternity members form really strong friendships... is that true?

As a matter of fact, one of the most important components of fraternity life is brotherhood. Strong, long-lasting friendships are formed at Kappa Alpha. There is always someone to play a pickup game of basketball on our lighted courts, to go on a 2:00 AM Wal-mart run, or to help you on that tough project. You'll never feel alone at MST when you've got your fraternity brothers around.

I want to succeed academically; will joining a fraternity help or hinder my efforts?

Getting good grades at MST can be tough. It takes hard work, commitment, and knowing how to use your resources. At KA, good grades are our number one priority, and you can take advantage of our facilities by using a network of members to use as study partners and even tutors. Also, all of our computers are wired through campus, so working at home is just like working at the library.

While you are ultimately responsible for your own success, four hours every weeknight are dedicated to studying for all freshmen, and various reward systems are implemented to promote good grades throughout the house.

I've heard fraternities emphasize leadership. What opportunities will I have at Kappa Alpha?

In fraternities, you're in charge. The fraternity experience affords you the opportunity for hands on training in the operation of a large organization. Whether you're the president and in charge of the entire chapter or the treasurer and responsible for the chapter's finances; at KA there are plenty of opportunities to become involved not only within the fraternity, but on campus as well.

We believe good leadership skills are gained through experience, so members are encouraged to join at least two campus organizations. Several of these individuals climb to the top of their organizations and become leaders within them.

Sounds great, but how much time does it take?

Like any organization, fraternities need their members' support at meetings and activities. Through your fraternity involvement, you'll learn how to manage your time and balance your academic work and fraternity commitments. However, in the event of a conflict with classes or studies, school takes the precedent.

What happens once I join?

You're going to make a lot of new lifetime friends you'll soon call brothers. It's an exciting time... electing officers, planning socials, learning fraternity history, and getting to know more about yourself and your new brothers.

THE RUSH IS COMING... AND **KA** WANTS YOU!



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